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To: Frey, Rebecca [frey.rebecca@epa.gov]; Saric, James [saric.james@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: HOT Issue Request - Hottest Michigan Statewide Issues (plus Grand Rapids) - Deadline Fri 4/26 at NOON - NEED ALLIED LANDFILL WRITE-UP

I'll do it.

From: Frey, Rebecca
Sent: Wednesday, April 24, 2013 3:10 PM
To: Saric, James; Berkoff, Michael
Subject: HOT Issue Request - Hottest Michigan Statewide Issues (plus Grand Rapids) - Deadline Fri 4/26 at NOON - NEED ALLIED LANDFILL WRITE-UP

Michael & Jim,

I need to submit a special hot issue write-up for the K'Zoo site – particularly focusing on the Allied Landfill – as a statewide hot issue by COB Friday. (The request from the 19th floor asked for Grand Rapids hot issues AND the hottest statewide issues, with an emphasis on water.) The last write-up we submitted for K'Zoo is shown below; it's the same one we've been submitting for some time. I think we need to change the focus now due to all the uproar about Allied Landfill. Could one of you please prepare and submit a write-up, using the same format as the example below (and the template in the attachment), but with a different title and different content? I'm not sure which of you has the most time to do this right now – I need the draft write-up by noon on Friday.

Please acknowledge and let me know which of you will take the lead on this.

Thanks, guys!
 -Becky

Issue: Bankruptcy Settlement Not Enough to Cover Site Cleanup – Kalamazoo

Background/Status: The Allied Paper/Portage Creek/Kalamazoo River Superfund site includes four disposal areas, five former paper mill properties, and more than 80 miles of the Kalamazoo River and Portage Creek contaminated with PCBs. Cleanup costs for the entire site could reach \$1 billion. A Chapter 11 bankruptcy settlement in 2010 between the United States and Lyondell, the parent company of Millennium Holdings, a potentially responsible party at the site, provided around \$100 million toward cleanup. Although other PRPs exist, site-wide cleanup costs will likely far exceed their available resources, and a large portion of the cleanup may fall on EPA. EPA expects to select a cleanup plan for the Allied Landfill portion of the site during summer 2013. A range of potential cleanup options is being evaluated in the feasibility study for the Allied Landfill, ranging from capping and groundwater monitoring for \$38 million to full excavation and off-site disposal for \$238 million.

Messages:

- There are enormous costs involved in cleaning up the Kalamazoo River site, and one of the main PRPs has declared bankruptcy.
- Various enforcement and funding mechanisms may be necessary to advance a project of this magnitude.

- Cleanup work is continuing at the site with remedial investigations ongoing across 25 miles of the Kalamazoo River and cleanup under way along 1.8 miles of Portage Creek.
- A cleanup plan for the Allied Landfill portion of the site is expected this summer.

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